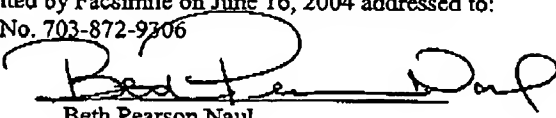


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Prior to any substantive action in the case, please amend the application as indicated
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